Double line between Barabanki and Katihar Junctions

†740. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to lay a double line between Barabanki Junction and Katihar Junction;

(b) if so, by when the said work is likely to be completed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Based on operational requirements following 3 sub sections between Barabanki and Katihar have been sanctioned for patch doublings:—

(i) Chhapra-Hazipur

(ii) Gorakhpur-Sahajanwa

(iii) Burhwal-Jarwal Road-Gonda

(b) and (c) The sectional capacity utilization from Barabanki to Katihar does not qualify for doubling of entire route at present. Double line in three sub-sections sanctioned is being progressed as per availability of resources. The doubling of Gonda-Maijapur has already been completed and that of Maijapur-Jarwal Road is proposed to be completed during 2001-02.

Expenditure by the Railways

741. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise estimates of capital expenditure by the Railways during the last five years;

(b) the capital expenditure specifically earmarked for safety related measures;

(c) the adequacy of expenditure referred to in parts (a) and (b) above; and

(d) the measures being taken to step up capital expenditure, taking into account the increasing requirements of the economy?

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